

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 7, 1999 has been carefully reviewed. Claims 1-25 are pending in this patent application. Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested.

Allowed Subject Matter

Claims 13-17 were allowed.

Examiner's Amendment to Specification

Applicants appreciate Examiner's Amendment to specification inserting updated cross referenced data.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-12 and 18-21 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 15-19 of co-pending Application No. 09/124,306.

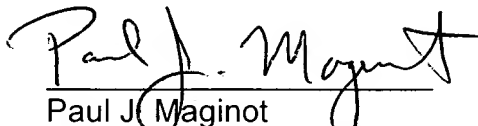
Claims 22-25 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 17-20 of co-pending Application No. 09/124,308.

Terminal disclaimers are submitted herewith in order to obviate the above rejections (see Attachment "A").

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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